

## **Table Lessons From Jesus (Mark 14:12-26)**

**Proposition:** Every one of us can draw out important life applicable lessons from this table scene with Jesus.

- I. Lessons in the Preparation for the Table (Vs. 12-16)**
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The family dinner table is a valuable place for every family. Statistics prove that the more a family sits together for the evening meal the less likely that the members will experiment w/ drugs or alcohol engage in premarital sex or be involved w/ risky behavior. I believe this is true because of all that can be learned by sitting together for the evening meal. I learned so much at my parents table. I learned thankfulness in our prayers

to God. I learned manners and respect by my parents correction. I learned hard work by the accounts of my parents day. I learned laughter and love by the thousands tears and laughs at the table of home. Here in our text we are descending into the day before the crucifixion of Jesus. At this brief glimpse we see a table out of which every one of us can draw out important life applicable lessons.

### I. Lessons in the Preparation for the Table (12-16)

Remember, the Lord Jesus had no place to call his own. No place to lay his head. So preparations must be made



for them to observe the Passover. Notice in the Prologue

A. The Truth of His Purpose (15:12a) - Mark specifically notes w/meaning that this was the very day the paschal lamb was slain.

At the onset of Jesus' ministry John the Baptist proclaimed "Behold the Lamb of God." Hebrews tells us that the blood of animals can not take

B. The Truth of His Perfection (15b) - The question that his disciple asks is one that indicates that Jesus yearly kept the Passover. The mosaic law required every house hold to observe the Passover. Here Jesus is his perfection under the Law. Gal 4 "under the law"

C. The Truth of His People (15b) - "for us"

More often than not the Passover meal was experienced in ones home w/ ones family. But here is Jesus w/ his disciples. Mark 3 family came and Jesus said... This the most intimate of family scenes is shared w/ disciples. <sup>in Christ</sup> Rom 8:15

D. The Truth of His Promise (16) - Here Jesus sends these two to labor and prepare the meal and foretells where to meet, who to talk to what to say. When the disciples step out on faith in his word; they find his promises to be true. Lending greater weight to Promise

II. Lessons in the Identification of the Table

(17-21) Have you ever been at the table and some one unexpectedly opens their mouth and drops a bombshell of information  
weddings, divorce, pregnancies

1) ...not take away sin. Only the blood of the perfect lamb the son of God can cleanse sin.

2) Mark 3:33-35 And he answered them, saying, Who is my mother, or my brethren? And he looked round about on them which sat about him, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.

1) ...to be the case, but God sovereignly knows who among us will turn back and renounce and rebel against the Lord that with our lips tonight we praise in song. I've seen it happen. Maybe to the surprise of me but not to God.

2) 1 Corinthians 10:12 Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. 1 Corinthians 9:27 But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway.

3) ...born again, on day you will wish you had never been born at all. What light was offered Judas! What opportunity to repent was given him. And yet Judas refused and betrayed the Lord Jesus.



Well this was one dinner announcement that shocked even

### A. The Sovereignty of Identification (18) -

Let's remember that the crucifixion of Jesus was not some social movement that took a wrong turn, Jesus was not a martyr for some cause, But was the only sent son of God to die for our sins. Although this news was a shock to disciples! Jesus knew all along. I hope it is never proven to be the

### B. The Humility of Identification (19)

The reaction was not "All right which one of you guys are up to something?" But it was a humble: "Is it I?" Everyone of them questioned. We would all be well too

question our own strength 1 Cor 10:12 ②  
1 Cor 4:27. In just the few years that I have been preaching I have seen ones that I thought surely not

### C. The Responsibility of Identification (20-21)

In this verse we see not only the sovereignty of God but the mystery of the responsibility of man. Judas was not a mindless robot a casualty to the sovereignty of God. He was not a hero or a martyr doing the will of God. Judas was a lost church member that died and went to hell! Where? "If you have never been born again" ③

### III. Lessons in the Consecration of the Table

(22-26) Here before our very eyes in scripture we see a monumental change take place. Jesus takes this Pass over meal and



and sets it apart as something different all together

**A. Words of Symbolism** - These words "This is my body", "Blood" are long in their capacity. He is not saying these become body + blood. No my body + blood are in these. He is revealing a symbol. Jesus: "I am the Door" "No hinges" "I am the vine" "No buds" He was giving these elements significance.

**B. Words of Sacrifice** - These were words of sacrifice. In Jesus' death upon the cross, he fulfilled the old covenant and instituted a new one. The Old Covenant of blood of animals could not cleanse sin. The New Covenant can cleanse the heart + conscience <sup>the believer</sup>.

**C. Words of Success** - In this verse, the one that knows the end from the beginning pronounces his own victory. Things look grim now, but his Kingdom will come. And one day will drink of the fruit of the wine with him in the Kingdom.

**D. Words of Singing** - What was the last thing the disciples did in the upper room. They sang a hymn. More than likely the traditional Passover hymns of Ps 115-118. (Ps 117) "Weish" "Magnify our Lord" singing when the cross was only a few hours away.

**IV. Closing** - Mama taught me not to chew with or talk with my mouth open at Table. Not to wear a hat at table. What vital lessons we learn at the table w/ Jesus.

- 1) ...significant mean so that from that moment on they would stand as memorials of His death.

- 2) Psalms 117:1-2 O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.
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